

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the **Figure 2A** as shown in replacement sheet. Reference number **220**, first instance, is replaced with reference number **200**.

REMARKS

Claims 5-13, 23, 28, and 30-47 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 14-22, 24-27, and 29 are canceled. Claim 5 is amended. Claims 30-47 are added. Support for the amendment to claim 5, as well as new claims 30-47, may be found on at least page 7, line 5, to page 8, line 7; page 12, line 10, to page 14, line 18. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit proposed corrections to the drawing labeled **Figure 2A**, as suggested by the examiner, in a replacement formal drawing sheet. **Figure 2A** is amended to replace the first instance of reference number **220** with reference number **200**.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Office Action objects to the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to adequately teach how to make and/or use the invention in claims 1-29. Additionally, the Office Action rejects the claims under the same reasons. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, the Office Action states:

It is not clear how pushing a tape towards a reel can enable that tape to be wound onto that reel.

It appears the Office Action objects to the convention of referring to the supply reel as a “pushing” reel. The specification refers to tape moving from a machine reel to a file reel or from a file reel to a machine reel. The movement of tape is controlled by data received from either the machine reel or the file reel. When tape moves from the machine reel to the file reel, the machine reel may be referred to as the “supply reel” and the file reel may be referred to as the “take-up reel.” In this case, if movement of the tape is controlled by the machine reel, then the specification refers to this as “machine reel control” or “pushing the tape.”

This is merely a naming convention, however. The specification adequately describes how movement of the tape is controlled, and the language describing “pushing” of tape is meant to illustrate the invention, not to limit the invention. As such, all claims referring to “pushing” or “pulling” of tape are hereby canceled. The claims as now presented are adequately described to enable a person of ordinary skill in the art to make and/or use the invention without undue experimentation. Furthermore, original claim 5, now amended, and original claims 23 and 28 do

not recite “pushing” or “pulling.” Therefore, Applicants submit these claims were improperly rejected. For example, claim 5 recites controlling magnetic tape movement using data received from a tachometer. The claim as recited and described in the original specification would clearly enable a person of ordinary skill in the art how to make and/or use the invention.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection of the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated above, the claims, as now presented, are adequately described to enable a person of ordinary skill in the art to make and/or use the invention without undue experimentation. The claims no longer recite “pushing” or “pulling”; therefore, the claims point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Furthermore, claims 16-19 and 24-27 are canceled.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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